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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: U.S. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT  
EQUIPMENT EXAMINATION AND LOCATION. TTBT/PNE  
DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 55

1. DURING RESTRICTED MEETING DECEMBER 16 U.S. SIDE REPLIED TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM SOVIET SIDE AS REPORTED IN PARAS 2 THROUGH 4, BELOW.
2. CONCERNING U.S. TEXT PROPOSING THAT SLIFER EQUIPMENT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION FOR FIVE DAYS.

BEGIN TEXT.

WE HAVE ADDED A PROPOSED CONDITION THAT EQUIPMENT FOR MEASURING YIELD BE AVAILABLE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS FOR EXAMINATION BY THE PARTY CARRYING OUT AN EXPLOSION.

THE FIVE DAYS IS FAR FROM SACRED; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDINGS TO ASSURE THAT THE PROCESS OF EXAMINATION WILL NOT CONSUME THE ENTIRE TIME THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS IN THE COUNTRY OF THE EXPLOSION.

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THE SPECIFIC FIGURES OF FIVE DAYS IS BASED ON

ESTIMATES OF U.S. PERSONNEL WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH OUT  
EQUIPMENT.

WE ARE QUITE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A LONGER TIME IF  
THE SOVIET SIDE WISHES. ALTERNATIVELY, WE ARE PREPARED TO  
CONSIDER AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FORMULATION IF YOU  
WISH, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE ADEQUATE  
BUT NOT EXCESSIVE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE WORK THEY NEED  
TO DO. END TEXT.

3. CONCERNING U.S. TEXT PROPOSING THAT DESIGNATED  
PERSONNEL HAVE RIGHT TO GO, BY AGREED ROUTES, TO SITE  
OF ANY EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN YIELD MEASUREMENT THAT IS  
LOCATED MORE THAN 10 KILOMETERS FROM POINT OF EXPLOSION.

BEGIN TEXT.

THIS WOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR PLACING RECORDER OF  
YIELD MEASURING EQUIPMENT FARTHER AWAY THAN 10 KILOMETERS  
IF SIDE CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION WISHES TO REQUIRE THIS OR  
IF SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS MAKE IT SEEM PRUDENT. IT CAN,  
IF DESIRED, BE QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

END TEXT.

4. CONCERNING U.S. TEXT PROPOSING THAT DESIGNATED  
PERSONNEL SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO LOCATE SEISMIC EQUIPMENT  
AS FAR AS 20 KILOMETERS FROM EXPLOSION POINT.

BEGIN TEXT.

OUR EXPERTS BELIEVE A BETTER PERFORMANCE OF THE  
SEISMIC NETWORK CAN BE OBTAINED BY INCREASING THE  
RANGE AT WHICH WE ARE PERMITTED TO POSITION THE  
SEISMIC STATIONS (OUT TO 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE POINT  
ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH ABOVE THE EMPLACEMENT  
POINT). THIS CONDITION IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY DECREASING  
THE IMPULSE EFFECT OF THE LARGER EXPLOSIONS ON THE  
SEISMIC TRANSDUCERS AND THEREBY INCREASING THE  
NETWORK'S MONITORING SENSITIVITY FOR A NEARBY COLLATERAL

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EVENT. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE SUGGESTED GIVING UP  
UNRESTRICTED ACCESS WITHIN THE 10 KILOMETER CIRCLE  
AROUND THE EMPLACEMENT HOLE AND LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS  
MAY TEND TO LIMIT A THOROUGH SEARCH FOR THE BEST  
LOCATIONS FOR THE SEISMIC STATIONS. WE FEEL, THEREFORE,  
THAT A SOMEWHAT WIDER AREA OF CHOICE IS NECESSARY.  
END TEXT.  
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